

CAPSULE SUMMARY~~BA-1528~~

BA-1183

St. Stephens Church~~8026-8030 Bradshaw Road~~**Bradshaw, Baltimore County****1889, 1895****Private**

The buildings located on the vast campus of St. Stephens Church include the Gothic Revival style church, which was constructed in 1889, the circa 1895 rectory, a circa 1940 convent, and a circa 1970 school. The church and congregation date to a late-19th century period of settlement in the community of Upper Falls. The 1850 county atlas indicates that the community of Upper Falls, sited at the intersection of Bradshaw Road and Raphel Road was just beginning to take shape in the mid-19th century. Between 1850 and 1877, a Methodist Episcopal church, general store, and school were constructed at the center of the community. The 1877 county atlas also indicates that an earlier church associated with the St. Stephens congregation had already been constructed along Bradshaw Road. In 1889, the extant church was erected as a replacement of the earlier building. Prior documentation on the property indicates that the neighboring rectory was constructed shortly thereafter, in 1895, as a replacement of an earlier building that had been destroyed by fire. The new building was fitted with all contemporary conveniences, including plumbing and speaking tubes.

The cornerstone on this Gothic Revival style church reads, "His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, Ordinary, Reverend Don Luigi Sarturi, Pastor, May 19, 1889. Dedicated June 15, 1890." The church stands two stories tall and three bays wide with a front gable slate roof and a gabled parapet. Built of random rubble stone, the building has brick accents including six-course brick quoins. A square tower with a steep pyramidal roof dominates the northwest end of the facade. All of the windows have molded wood surrounds and rock-faced stone sills. The central bay contains a round multi-light window with wood angular tracery and a brick lintel surround. The gable end is clad with brick and pierced with three, rectangular stained-glass windows that are fixed. The double-leaf entry has paneled wood doors made with diagonal board and is surrounded by a brick lintel and brick tympanum. Two interior end brick chimneys rise on either side of the gable roof. Located northwest of the church is a circa 1895 parsonage. This Colonial Revival style building stands two-stories tall and three bays wide. The poured concrete foundation supports a wood frame structure clad with asbestos shingles. The hipped roof has slate tiles and is pierced by a central-interior brick chimney. Three single-leaf doors symmetrically pierce the first floor of the facade. The outer two wood doors are paneled with lights while the central wood door is paneled. These entrances are protected by a half-hipped porch that spans three bays with square column supports.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Stephen's Church

other

2. Location

street and number ~~8026~~ 8030 Bradshaw Road not for publication

city, town Bradshaw vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name St. Stephen's Church

street and number 8030 Bradshaw Road telephone Not Available

city, town Bradshaw state MD zip code 21021

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber N/A folio N/A

city, town Towson tax map 64 tax parcel 500 tax ID number 1119000400

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed circa 1889, St. Stephen's Church fronts southwest on a large campus. The cornerstone on this Gothic Revival style church reads, "His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, Ordinary, Reverend Don Luigi Sarturi, Pastor, May 19, 1889. Dedicated June 15, 1890." The church stands two stories tall and three bays wide with a front gable slate roof and a gabled parapet. Built of random rubble stone, the building has brick accents including six-course brick quoins. A square tower with a steep pyramidal roof dominates the northwest end of the facade. Each of the four sides of the tower features a triangular gabled dormer and three grouped louvered vents with pointed-arches and brick lintels. Spanning the façade are eight leaded stained glass windows that are double-hung with a pointed arch and row-lock brick lintels. All of the windows have molded wood surrounds and rock-faced stone sills. The central bay contains a round multi-light window with wood angular tracery and a brick lintel surround. The gable end is clad with brick and pierced with three, rectangular stained-glass windows that are fixed. The double-leaf entry has paneled wood doors made with diagonal board and is surrounded by a brick lintel and brick tympanum. Two interior end brick chimneys rise on either side of the gable roof. On the rear is a five-sided projecting bay flanked with two, gabled entries.

Located northwest of the church is a circa 1895 rectory. This Colonial Revival style building stands two-stories tall and three bays wide. The poured concrete foundation supports a wood frame structure clad with asbestos shingles. The hipped roof has slate tiles and is pierced by a central-interior brick chimney. The façade is pierced with three 1/1 aluminum windows with square-edged aluminum sills and surrounds on the second story. Three single-leaf doors symmetrically pierce the first floor of the façade. The outer two wood doors are paneled with lights while the central wood door is paneled. These entrances are protected by a half-hipped porch that spans three bays with square column supports.

Located northeast of the church is a circa 1940 convent built in the Colonial Revival style. This three-story building has a raised foundation that supports a wood frame structure with a brick veneer. The façade of this five-bay house is pierced with eleven 6/6 windows with square-edged wood sills and surrounds. The single-leaf entry is centrally placed with a wood door that is paneled with lights and a one-light transom. The asphalt shingle front gable roof is accented with an exterior end brick chimney and pedimented gable ends.

Located northeast of the parsonage is a cemetery containing approximately 200 graves. With the earliest headstone dating to 1833, this cemetery set on sloping grassy lot is still in use. The headstones range from granite to marble with a variety of styles including obelisks, crosses, statuesque, and floral. Some of the family names include Bradley, McWilliams, Whitmore, Mohmonier, Doyle, Raphel, and Rembold.

A circa 1940 shed features a poured concrete foundation, wood-shingle-clad structure, and two, roll-up doors. The uneven gable roof has overhanging eaves and exposed ends.

Located behind the convent is a circa 1970 school with a flat roof. This wood frame structure is clad in five-course American bond brick. The concrete entrance portico contains a double-leaf metal door that is flush with

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lights. The façade is pierced with a complicated fenestration pattern including 1/1, 2/2, and five-light fixed over a one-light hopper windows.

Located next to the school is a circa 1990 office with a flat roof. The wood frame building is clad with pressed vertical board. Five 1/1 vinyl windows pierce the façade as well as two single-leaf metal doors that are flush with lights.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1895-present **Architect/Builder** Edward Reynolds, builder

Construction dates 1889, 1895 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

² *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

³ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property Two Acres
 Acreage of historical setting Unknown
 Quadrangle name White Marsh

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since 1889, the buildings on the property occupied by St. Stephen's Church have been associated with the fifteen acres of land known as tax parcel 500 of map 64 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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 Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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USGS Quad: WHITE MARSH
Scale: 1:24,000



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BA-2303
11501 BELAIR ROAD
KINGSVILLE
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0238

BA-0253
11300 RAPHEL ROAD
UPPER FALLS
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0236
7404 MT. VISTA ROAD

BA-2946
JOSHUA FRANCIS HALL
12007 PHILADELPHIA RD
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

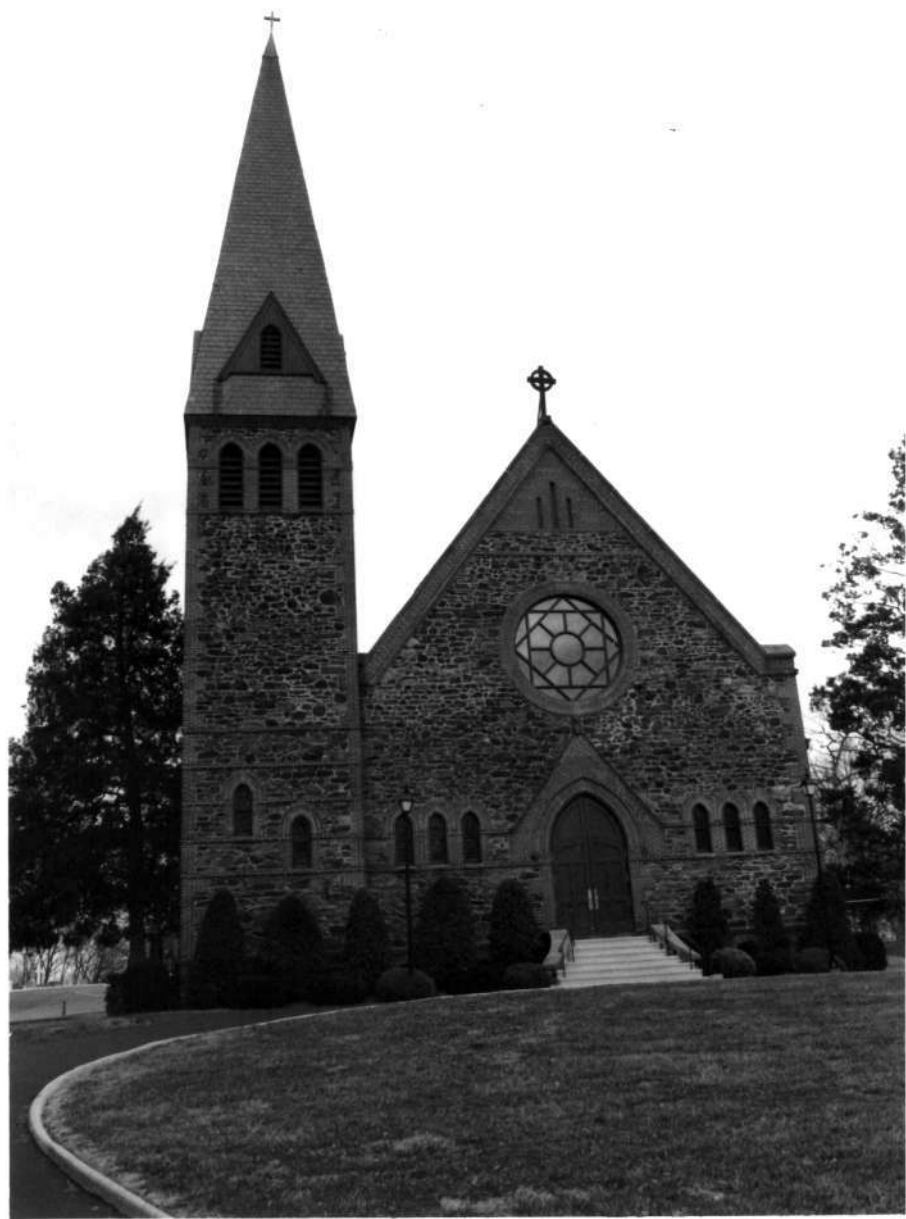
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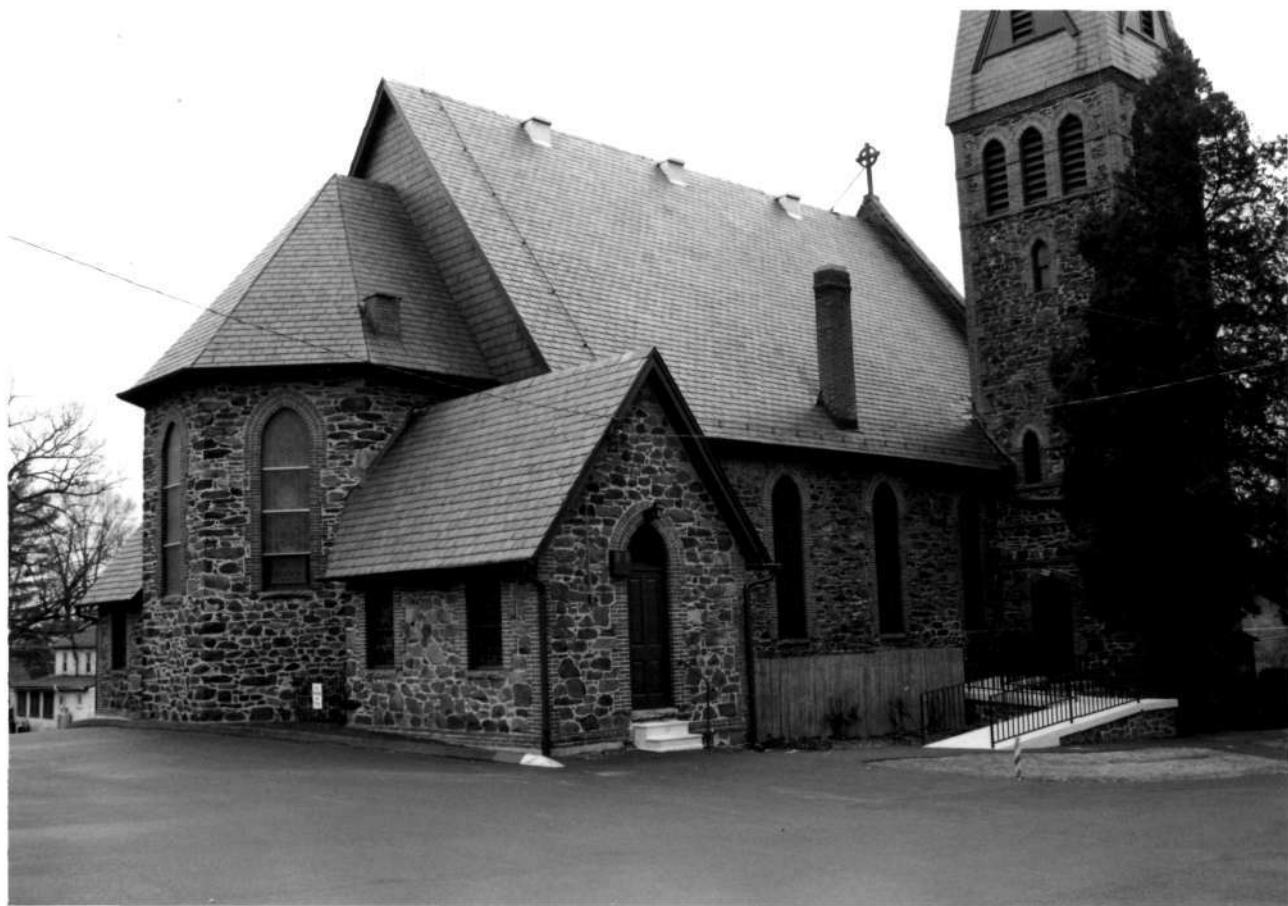
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4070-8030 BRADSHAW ROAD

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TRAILER

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BRADSHAW

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SCHOOL & CONVENT

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BRADSHAW

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TRACERIES

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ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - 1889 - North side of (No. 8030) Bradshaw Road, west of Pfeiffer Road. Church in Gothic style, built of a local red stone; 57 x 76 feet; doors and windows ornamented with brick. Rose window in main facade. Square corner tower with open belfry and spire. Designed by Baltimore architect Thomas C. Kennedy. Serious fire damage to pews and paneling in December 1973, but restored. Another fire caused by the furnace, On Jan. 28, 1986.